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REPORT ON WELL COMPLETIONS IN THE UNITED STATES¹

Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month

period a year ago.

These data are preliminary and subject to revision. The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. The geographic distribution for wells and footage is not published on a monthly basis, but is available from the API's "Quarterly Completion Report."

Cumulative Number of Wells Completed as Reported

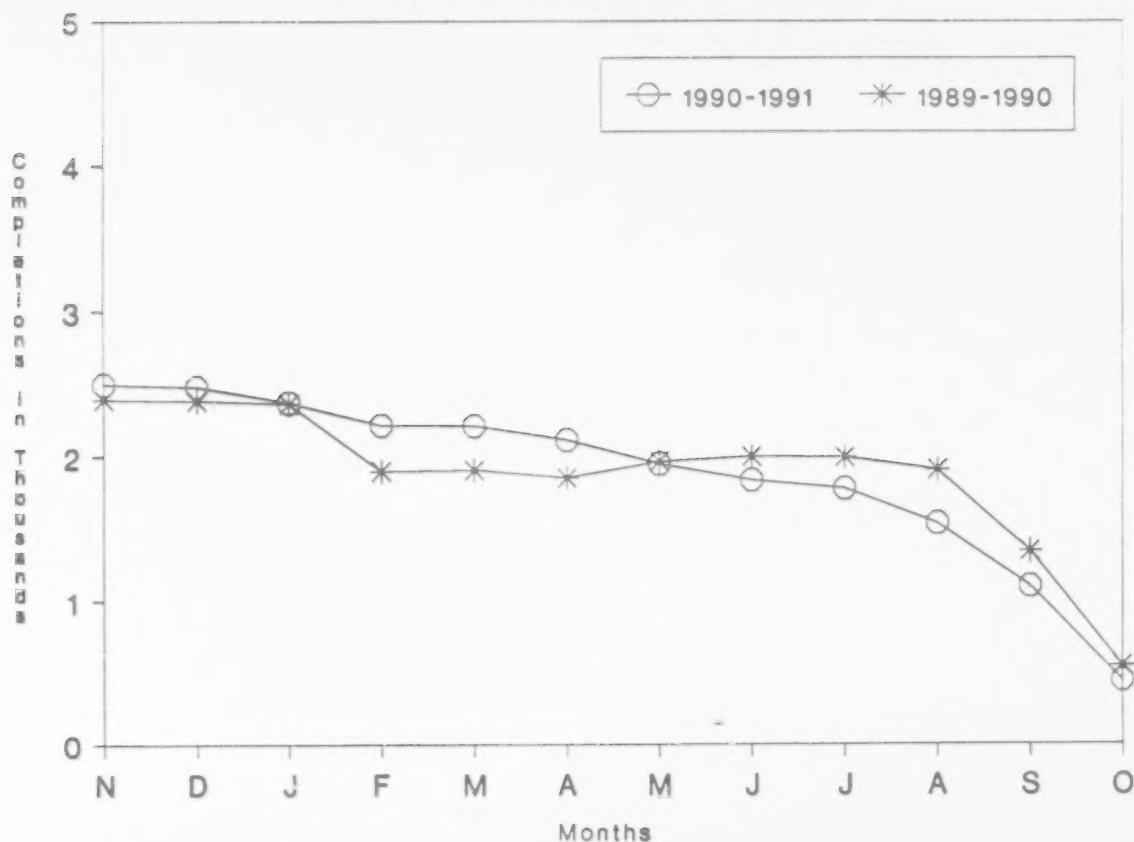


TABLE I: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES
BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF OCTOBER 25, 1991¹

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS ⁴	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1991	7,582	37,948,765	4,970	26,671,933	4,985	26,872,886	17,537	91,493,584	18,158	93,329,151
1991: OCT	154	728,022	56	338,700	229	1,096,433	439	2,163,155	450	2,206,178
SEP	467	2,353,553	225	1,302,969	407	2,110,699	1,099	5,767,221	1,117	5,849,246
AUG	661	3,300,164	361	2,172,407	518	2,753,322	1,540	8,225,893	1,571	8,345,902
JUL	698	3,488,973	523	2,890,999	556	2,893,292	1,777	9,273,264	1,852	9,533,102
JUN	718	3,540,314	601	3,285,801	516	2,774,108	1,835	9,600,223	1,909	9,810,132
MAY	831	4,184,770	575	3,018,407	540	2,716,557	1,946	9,919,734	2,016	10,096,050
APR	933	4,777,059	613	3,354,058	564	3,113,523	2,110	11,244,640	2,189	11,491,329
MAR	998	5,139,144	652	3,447,823	559	3,187,970	2,209	11,774,937	2,269	12,009,877
FEB	1,032	5,044,577	618	3,309,380	562	3,150,564	2,212	11,504,521	2,299	11,713,673
JAN	1,090	5,392,189	746	3,551,389	534	3,076,418	2,370	12,019,996	2,486	12,273,662
TOTAL 1990	11,271	51,552,122	9,429	48,759,901	7,893	41,730,206	28,593	142,042,229	29,376	144,204,786
1990: DEC	1,030	5,044,167	780	4,077,887	669	3,686,486	2,479	12,808,540	2,542	12,995,218
NOV	1,037	4,548,894	692	3,602,060	768	3,691,468	2,497	11,842,422	2,580	12,043,868
OCT	1,124	4,967,892	949	4,596,547	758	3,943,938	2,831	13,508,377	2,881	13,658,478
SEP	978	4,305,485	860	4,232,163	680	3,591,432	2,518	12,129,080	2,564	12,244,843
AUG	1,038	4,423,592	917	4,261,993	717	3,450,006	2,672	12,135,591	2,741	12,296,225
JUL	912	4,097,981	889	4,360,073	684	3,496,866	2,485	11,954,920	2,542	12,114,968
JUN	877	4,000,263	812	3,923,965	659	3,474,564	2,348	11,398,792	2,436	11,638,687
MAY	820	3,987,891	747	3,911,375	594	3,160,157	2,161	11,059,423	2,252	11,273,369
APR	816	3,794,209	613	3,370,931	591	3,365,978	2,020	10,531,118	2,085	10,692,182
MAR	843	4,008,843	665	3,897,568	561	2,999,746	2,069	10,906,157	2,125	11,083,397
FEB	824	3,784,595	683	3,918,314	518	2,945,683	2,025	10,648,592	2,073	10,819,364
JAN	972	4,588,310	822	4,607,025	694	3,923,882	2,488	13,119,217	2,555	13,344,187
TOTAL 1989	10,158	42,760,473	8,946	46,324,738	8,197	41,910,876	27,301	130,996,087	27,967	133,208,756
1989: DEC	935	4,076,736	821	4,565,141	739	3,988,868	2,495	12,630,745	2,544	12,782,730
NOV	919	3,848,993	820	4,316,688	740	3,847,773	2,479	12,013,454	2,551	12,259,662
OCT	940	3,965,778	856	4,254,200	815	3,994,074	2,611	12,214,052	2,666	12,425,497
SEP	842	3,653,414	824	4,054,212	742	3,811,482	2,408	11,519,108	2,439	11,639,050
AUG	968	3,707,293	853	4,328,925	719	3,655,614	2,540	11,691,832	2,629	11,944,549
JUL	863	3,381,470	783	3,954,838	699	3,467,443	2,345	10,803,751	2,405	11,009,066
JUN	828	3,681,684	714	3,434,007	688	3,470,166	2,230	10,585,857	2,287	10,738,304
MAY	871	3,548,831	624	3,205,430	661	3,189,247	2,156	9,943,508	2,206	10,094,256
APR	882	3,506,940	598	3,205,824	657	3,384,984	2,137	10,097,748	2,186	10,263,026
MAR	697	3,001,944	656	3,504,565	611	3,056,812	1,964	9,563,321	2,021	9,785,115
FEB	587	2,633,669	631	3,499,613	465	2,555,468	1,683	8,688,750	1,717	8,829,525
JAN	826	3,753,721	766	4,001,295	661	3,488,945	2,253	11,243,961	2,316	11,437,976
TOTAL 1988	13,367	57,380,792	8,286	43,972,398	10,035	52,173,891	31,688	153,527,081	32,706	156,549,904
TOTAL 1987	16,252	65,600,596	7,843	41,507,230	11,370	54,542,909	35,465	161,650,735	36,386	164,418,436

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES
BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF OCTOBER 25, 1991¹

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1991	395	2,581,208	268	1,861,093	2,257	13,232,206	2,920	17,674,507
1991: OCT	7	40,088	6	30,896	109	557,734	122	628,718
SEP	24	196,340	5	42,871	178	1,018,717	207	1,257,928
AUG	28	198,360	22	150,514	249	1,350,549	299	1,699,423
JUL	44	282,186	23	140,768	263	1,536,400	330	1,959,354
JUN	40	250,855	33	248,123	228	1,359,906	301	1,858,884
MAY	37	228,531	31	241,032	232	1,279,644	300	1,749,207
APR	49	342,655	28	201,541	251	1,502,314	328	2,046,510
MAR	56	370,654	28	187,553	255	1,614,316	339	2,172,523
FEB	50	327,162	49	339,138	250	1,536,415	349	2,202,715
JAN	60	344,377	43	278,657	242	1,476,211	345	2,099,245
TOTAL 1990	621	4,160,461	591	3,978,795	3,667	21,130,967	4,879	29,270,223
1990: DEC	50	379,544	50	295,090	334	1,853,768	434	2,528,402
NOV	46	312,832	36	274,995	331	1,784,392	413	2,372,219
OCT	60	325,687	59	369,981	352	2,019,537	471	2,715,205
SEP	51	332,011	40	287,073	308	1,741,265	399	2,360,349
AUG	73	455,614	63	397,826	298	1,652,518	434	2,505,958
JUL	53	372,762	59	387,337	337	1,824,508	449	2,584,607
JUN	56	407,337	48	332,501	310	1,755,750	414	2,495,588
MAY	41	264,859	42	307,550	257	1,554,546	340	2,126,955
APR	58	388,807	51	352,046	285	1,791,024	394	2,531,877
MAR	49	347,816	47	320,262	258	1,494,240	354	2,162,318
FEB	35	235,034	43	307,344	237	1,499,844	315	2,042,222
JAN	49	338,158	53	346,790	360	2,159,575	462	2,844,523
TOTAL 1989	599	3,566,157	670	4,295,251	3,947	21,645,742	5,216	29,507,150
1989: DEC	48	304,600	61	378,693	374	2,041,518	483	2,724,811
NOV	49	287,229	59	344,499	374	2,149,815	482	2,781,543
OCT	38	225,356	52	306,243	394	2,143,044	484	2,674,643
SEP	71	407,639	57	315,257	357	1,994,189	485	2,717,085
AUG	56	285,285	60	432,185	325	1,871,160	441	2,588,630
JUL	50	301,847	51	356,373	323	1,886,543	424	2,544,763
JUN	44	250,093	59	366,785	323	1,668,193	426	2,285,071
MAY	40	266,642	48	323,186	318	1,626,811	406	2,216,639
APR	64	380,547	52	306,234	289	1,556,098	405	2,242,879
MAR	50	337,932	51	341,402	299	1,521,209	400	2,200,543
FEB	43	258,756	53	370,830	239	1,373,384	335	2,002,970
JAN	46	260,231	67	453,564	332	1,813,778	445	2,527,573
TOTAL 1988	813	4,925,226	698	4,701,848	4,751	26,906,920	6,262	35,533,994
TOTAL 1987	897	5,310,009	699	4,623,990	5,205	27,311,539	6,801	37,245,538

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS¹ BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR
REPORTED TO THE API DURING OCTOBER 1991

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED ⁴ CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1991	873	3,725,719	646	3,444,782	561	2,913,573	2,080	10,084,074	2,195	10,350,199
1991: OCT	154	728,022	56	338,700	229	1,096,433	439	2,163,155	450	2,206,178
SEP	284	1,441,334	180	1,049,014	172	940,783	636	3,431,131	651	3,503,524
AUG	122	510,865	131	708,015	76	437,039	329	1,655,919	332	1,664,247
JUL	51	180,886	77	382,668	40	217,355	168	780,909	179	808,426
JUN	64	239,256	71	306,571	17	89,540	152	635,367	174	662,030
MAY	68	185,837	27	107,166	9	59,736	104	352,539	117	375,833
APR	47	141,995	16	120,525	8	50,323	71	312,843	88	342,811
MAR	40	156,070	24	113,961	5	10,289	69	280,320	71	283,441
FEB	25	87,416	25	108,226	4	9,000	54	204,642	68	228,015
JAN	18	54,238	39	209,936	1	3,075	58	267,249	65	275,894
TOTAL 1990	101	365,333	106	909,305	56	257,457	263	1,532,095	267	1,538,415
1990: DEC	24	73,447	18	111,447	3	16,482	45	201,376	45	201,376
NOV	12	12,677	8	78,830	2	3,240	22	94,747	25	98,098
OCT	9	19,756	2	17,045	3	26,355	14	63,156	14	63,156
SEP	2	5,145	3	31,851	4	34,392	9	71,388	9	71,388
AUG	10	40,008	7	53,906	18	61,761	35	155,675	36	158,644
JUL	10	64,398	13	123,298	8	43,865	31	231,561	31	231,561
JUN	10	35,641	11	99,348	5	16,582	26	151,571	26	151,571
MAY	8	29,618	13	129,202	4	7,675	25	166,495	25	166,495
APR	7	38,679	9	78,777	4	30,528	20	147,984	20	147,984
MAR	2	16,942	11	117,058	2	10,232	15	144,232	15	144,232
FEB	5	16,446	4	18,821	1	4,960	10	40,227	10	40,227
JAN	2	12,576	7	49,722	2	1,385	11	63,683	11	63,683
TOTAL 1989	18	74,442	18	76,115	16	65,485	52	216,042	54	218,132
1989: DEC	4	26,774	7	20,880	1	1,620	12	49,274	12	49,274
NOV	3	13,910	1	9,384	1	2,276	5	25,570	5	25,570
OCT	4	11,658	2	14,271	3	3,146	9	29,075	9	29,075
SEP	1	594	4	11,195	3	12,825	8	24,614	8	24,614
AUG	2	4,028	0	0	1	2,250	3	6,278	3	6,278
JUL	1	1,466	1	12,300	0	0	2	13,766	2	13,766
JUN	0	0	0	0	2	20,906	2	20,906	3	21,996
MAY	0	0	0	0	1	990	1	990	1	990
APR	1	9,850	0	0	0	0	1	9,850	1	9,850
MAR	0	0	2	1,307	2	6,403	4	7,710	5	8,710
FEB	1	1,162	0	0	1	1,979	2	3,141	2	3,141
JAN	1	5,000	1	6,778	1	13,090	3	24,868	3	24,868
TOTAL 1988	15	43,833	2	13,269	6	33,943	23	91,045	30	101,093
YRS PRIOR TO 1988	23	57,107	6	14,153	28	112,062	57	183,322	62	198,560
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED ⁵	1,030	4,266,434	778	4,457,624	667	3,382,520	2,475	12,106,578	2,608	12,406,399

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of October 25, 1991. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.
2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.
3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.
4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLE III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.
2. See footnote (2) above.
3. See footnote (3) above.
4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.
5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period September 28, 1991 through October 25, 1991. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.